FULL TIME - 2 YEARS TO COMPLETE

PART-TIME - 4 YEARS TO COMPLETE

LED 355: Early Literacy Development
ECED 372: Intro to ECED
GEOG 200 Geography: The Global Dimension
EXED 490: Inclusive Practices

No practicum but must have access to children for assignments in the above courses. Grades PK-1 are preferable.

EXED 402: Behavioral Supports and Interventions
ECED 442: The Young Child
ECED 304: Diversity, Equity, & Justice in ECED
LED 456: Literacy Learning in the Elementary Grades
ECED 443: Practicum in Primary Grades

HIST 102: World History
SCOM 121: Intercultural Communication
HTH 100, 110, or 116: Personal Wellness (may be taken at VCCS or JMU)
ISCI 172: Planetary Science or Physical Science for teachers

ECED 444: Mathematics Content and Pedagogy for Early Childhood Education I
ECED 445: Mathematics Content and Pedagogy for Early Childhood Education II
ECED 461: Integrated Day Practicum
ECED 412: Natural and Social Sciences in PK-3

IS 498: Capstone
ECED 480: Student Teaching

HIST 150, PHIL 150, or PHIL 120: Critical Thinking
ART 200, ARTH 200, ARTH 206, or MUS 200: Fine Arts

This fully online program is for students who have completed an AAS degree in Early Childhood from a Virginia Community College. It leads to licensure in grades PK-3 and a Bachelor of Individualized Studies degree with a concentration in Early Childhood from JMU.

60 credits must be earned at a 4-year institution and 30 of those must be earned at JMU.

All students must attend an orientation meeting at JMU the semester or summer prior to starting the program. This orientation will be offered online.

Program offers free tutoring for Praxis Math Core exam, VCLA, and RVE.

Practicum courses are to extend through the full semester and are one full day a week.

ECED 443: PK-K
ECED 461: Grades 1-3
ECED 480: PK-K or Grades 1-3

Student Teaching is 8 weeks with the possibility of teaching in your own classroom.

Available scholarships include:
- ADP Scholarships
- FAFSA required for JMU
- NAEYC scholarships
- VA Pathways Scholarships
- DSS Scholarships

Expanding Your OPPORTUNITIES
James Madison University’s College of Education is distinguished through faculty and student achievements, academic rigor, excellence in teaching, student and faculty interactions and relationships, technological innovations, and national recognitions. The College prepares students to become professionals who are able to knowledgeably integrate diverse perspectives and positively impact the lives of all they serve.

The Early Childhood Associate Degree to Bachelor of Individualized Studies is designed for students who have earned their Associate Degree in Early Childhood from a Virginia Community College. Completers of this program earn a four year degree and are eligible for a Virginia teaching license in PK-3rd Grades.

Who is eligible?
- VCCS graduates with an AAS degree in Early Childhood
- VCCS graduates who have passed VCLA and Praxis Core Math before starting the program
- Those who want to become early childhood teachers in VA (PK-3)
- Students who need an online program and
- Students who need the flexibility to attend full or part-time

Field Experiences
- Typically in a public school PK-3rd grade classroom
- Work experience in childcare settings may count for some of the field experience requirements
- Student teach the final semester in a public school PK-3rd grade classroom

Degree & Licensure
- About 60 credit hours at JMU plus your AAS degree will meet the 120 credit hours required for a 4-year degree
- For teacher licensure in VA
  - Praxis Core Math and Virginia Communicator Literacy Assessment (VCLA)-passing scores required for admission
  - Praxis Elementary Subject Test-taken during the JMU program
  - Reading for Virginia Educators (RVE)-taken during the JMU program

For information about the BIS-ECED program, contact:
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